

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO: I-68-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS:
ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES
PROGRAM MANAGERS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☒ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested By One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES BUDGET

REFERENCE: All-County Letter No. 01-23
All-County Letter No. 00-37
All-County Letter No. 99-98
All-County Letter No. 99-53

This All-County Information Notice provides the results of the 2001-2002 State Budget for the statewide Adult Protective Services (APS) program. Governor Gray Davis signed the State Budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 into law on July 26, 2001. As specified in the Governor's May revise, the APS budget allocation was reduced by 13.3 million dollars.

Of great significance to the APS program is the reenactment, in the social services budget trailer bill (Assembly Bill 429), of WIC 15763 (b) (2) and (3). Those provisions, which had been sunsetted on January 1, 2001, read:

15763 (b) (2) An immediate or 10-day in-person response is not required when the county, based upon an evaluation of risk determines, and documents, that the elder or dependent adult is not in imminent danger and that an immediate or 10-day in-person response is not necessary to protect the health or safety of the elder or dependent adult.

(3) Until criteria and standards are developed to implement paragraph (2), the county's evaluation pursuant to paragraph (2) shall include and document all of the following:

- (A) The factors that led to the county's decision that an in-person response was not required.
- (B) The level of risk to the elder or dependent adult, including collateral contacts.
- (C) A review of previous referrals and other relevant information as indicated.
- (D) The need for intervention at the time.
- (E) The need for protective services.

As in the prior version of this statutory language, this Department is required to report to the Legislature on the effects of the flexibility afforded to counties in the law. As a consequence, the APS Bureau will be convening a work group with county representatives, pursuant to WIC 15763 (b) (4), to establish standards for data collection for the report to the legislature on these cases. The Department appreciates the advice and comments of its county partners, and looks forward to working with them on this task.

Sincerely,

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